

Part III

Science of Crises

Itsuki goes on to say that words that touch the heart and which are 'repaid in emotion' are information in the truest sense. The true significance of this information is surely that it is repaid by emotion promoting empathy, coexistence, and symbioses. Information as such consists not only of communication through the symbolic medium of letters and figures, but also of an interconnection between human minds including the methods by which it is transmitted, and encompasses the communication of S.K. Langer's 'import' in which human emotion is directly expressed. Communication will not take place unless it is rooted in an empathy which is in tune with the range of human sensibility common to all individuals, which is also the source of human relationships of mutual trust. It is the human intelligence that underlies the reconciliation and integration of reason and sensibility that is required to realize this 'emotion and reason that touch the heart and soul'. This is precisely the human 'intellect, emotion, and volition' that give rise to goodness and virtue, and well-being for human kind.